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[Translated in this Bureau from the "Veröffentlichungen des Kaiserlichen Gesundheitsamtes," Berlin, June 16, 1897.]

PLAGUE.

MALTA.—By order of May 22 the regulation requiring vessels arriving from the west coast of the East Indies to take on coal and provisions at quarantine ports, and under quarantine restrictions, remains in force only for arrivals from Bombay and Karachi.

YELLOW FEVER.

URUGUAY.—The national council of health at Montevideo has ordered that vessels which left Rio de Janeiro or Santos on or after May 12 shall be subject only to sanitary inspection in the port of Montevideo.

SMALLPOX.

DANISH ANTILLES.—According to official advices of June 2, fifteen days' quarantine is ordered for arrivals from Mayaguez and Puerto Rico and from the Island of Teneriffe.

BRAZIL.

RIO DE JANEIRO, *June 7, 1897.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit report for the week ended June 5, 1897.

There were 4 deaths from *accessio pernicioso*, the same as in the foregoing week; 2 from yellow fever, a decrease of 1; 8 from beriberi, an increase of 3; 2 from enteric fever, an increase of 1; 38 from tuberculosis, a decrease of 13; 1 from influenza, and 261 from all causes, a decrease of 55.

The health of the town and port is as good as it ever is.

Since last report the following-named ships have been inspected or received bills of health from this office: June 1, steamship *Havelius*, Belgian, for New York. June 2, steamship *Kaffir Prince*, British, for New York from Santos. June 5, steamship *Cumeria*, British, for Hampton Roads, Va. June 7, bark *Pallas*, German, for New York, N. Y.

Respectfully, yours,

R. CLEARY, M. D.,
Sanitary Inspector, U. S. M. H. S.

CHINA.

Plague in Hongkong and Macao.

HONGKONG, CHINA, June 1, 1897.

SIR: I have the honor to report that 4 cases of plague have been recently discovered in this city, the first about the 21st ultimo and 1 each on the 27th, 28th, and 29th. It is reported that 18 to 20 cases a day occur at Macao, the Portuguese colony, having a population of about 50,000 of all nationalities, and distant about 35 miles from here. Apparently nothing is known here relative to the condition in Canton, nor as to the extent of the plague in Swatow, China, nor in Formosa.

No restriction is placed on intercourse between Macao or Canton and this city, and steamers ply daily.

A limited amount of smallpox exists in this city.

The steamship *Victoria* sails for Tacoma without steerage passengers to-morrow. The steamship *City of Peking* sails for San Francisco on the 8th instant.

I am suggesting to Consul-General Hunt the advisability of cabling you relative to existence of plague here, inasmuch as a detention of immigrants under medical inspection is regarded as impossible. Steam disinfection of effects has never been carried out, but the new plant, belonging to the steamship company running to San Francisco and purchased at the instigation of the Hawaiian Government, will be in operation before the next ship of that line sails.

No alarm is felt by Dr. Jordan, physician to the port, relative to spread of plague, since the heat of summer is already intense. By this time last year the epidemic had begun to decrease.

I have nothing of immediate interest to report relative to ports of Kobe and Nagasaki, Japan, and Shanghai, China, at each of which I spent a few hours on the trip here.

Very respectfully,

S. D. BROOKS,
Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

HONGKONG, CHINA, June 9, 1897.

SIR: I have the honor to forward a brief report for the mail leaving by steamship *City of Peking* to-day:

One case only of plague has been found in this city since my last report, namely, on the 5th instant, a Chinaman, age 26 years, a permanent resident, so far as could be ascertained. This case terminated fatally on the morning of the 7th.

I have visited Canton and Macao during the past week. In the former no information could be obtained relative to the existence of plague, but cases are reported by missionaries in villages outside. In Macao the plague began this year in March. In April there were 37 fatal cases, in May, 117. Fifteen fresh cases were reported on June 1,